HIGH LIVING COST MERE FIGHENT OF FANCY, HE AVERS

G. K. Holmes, of Agricultural Bureau, Says Prices Only "Seem" Abnormal.

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.-All this cry about the high cost of living and the cost of high living is without foundation; it only seems that it costs a lot more to live today than it did ten years

George K. Holmes, of the Department of Agriculture, bebfore the Republican Club of New York, at noon today, told his audience that only those persons afflicted with a vivid imagination still cling to the belief that in reality it costs a lot of money to exist today.

"Are prices high?" Mr. Holmes asked In reality, no; comparatively, yes," he said, as he answered his own question. This is the way he explained what he meant: "An examination of the record of prices extending back many years makes it evident that we are not now in a period of extraordinarily high prices, everything considered; but rather that we have emerged from a recent period of most extraordinarily low prices, so that, by contrast, our present prices seem unprecedented. They are not so, in fact.

Got Used to It.

"We kad become so accustomed to abnormally low prices from the years late in the '80's to the end of the '90's that we had forgotten that they ever were higher, and did not perceive that the higher prices must return in some

large degree."
Stop complaining about the high cost of living. Mr. Holmes suggested. Pay cash for everything; buy through co-operative organizations, and don't charge with your "necessary ex-penses," such items as summer vacations, trolley car joy riding, and motion picture shows

Regarding what he terms as "un-productive consumption," he con-tinued: "This sort of consumption is com-"This sort of consumption is composed of expenditures for summer vacations, excursions by rail and boat, riding on suburban and interurban troiley lines for pleasure, the frequenting of nickel and dime picture shows, the cost of the family telephone service, and scores of other specifications. Items of this sort of consumption are charged. consumption are charges against in-come; they are costs of pleasure, and many of them should be rejected."

Chances in East.

Failure to utilize productiveness of land near the population centers, following the "foolish custom," of imagining that the ideal place for farming is in the West, was one of the reasons advanced by Prof. Milton Whitney, of the soils bureau of the Agriculture Department, for the in-creased cost of living. "Why is it we can't make people satisfied to settle in the States north

satisfied to settle in the States north of the Patomac river and east of the Ohio and take up idle lands? There they would have vast markets, cheapest transportation, and best roads. est transportation, and best roads.
"The chief obstruction is fashion.
Horace Greeley set the fashion for going West. Now we need a second Greeley to point out that the great opportunities are in the East."
Whitney admitted that there was no satisfactory solution of the high cost of living problem, but that his suggestions might alleviate conditions somewhat.

Children Take Part

"Mother Goose," always popular with in song and story by the children of the Sunday school of the Church of the Ascension in the parish hall of the church last night.

The Queen of hearts, the Knave, who stole the tarts; Mary Quite Contrary, and the galaxy of characters made famous in childhood, danced and sang the familiar melodies with the ease and grace of real actors. Jean Stuart, as the queen, and Sheridan Holland, as the king, with Henning Nelms, jr., as the jester, made the hits of the evening. Helen Jacobs as Mary, and Katherine Dudley, as Little Bo Peep, were well received. Others taking important parts were: Celeste Hill, as the Cruel Maid; Elizabeth Dayton, as Jenny Wren; Tucker Humphries as the Cook; Robert Hungerford, as Dr. Faustus; Lee Cockrell, as the Herald, and Willard Heisley, as the Piper's Son.

The ladles and gentlemen to the king and queen were: Marjorle Stuart, Ruth Yeagle, Katherine Francis, Margaret Taylor, Dorothy Hungerford Kathleen Jones, Francis King, and Lee Thorne. The blackbirds which came out of a huge ple were: Jean Lynn Yeagle, Mary Thorne, Mary Gard ner, Daisy Mary Thorne, The Queen of hearts, the Knave, who

Washington Saengerbund Plans Novel Gathering Seen that get-up." The man who had just entered the cabaret was a little older than the incaparate was dividuals to whom he was speaking. He was dressed in a khaki-colored suit like

make merry in its annual "Carnival Abend," on Monday night, in the clubbouse at 314 C street northwest. A picture of Congressman Richard Bartholdt, one of the prominent members of the organization, and carteons of many of the leading men in the Saungerbund, form the cover design of a souvenir song book that is being prepared for the gathering.

gathering.

Most of the seng numbers are original. composed especially for the occasion, and contain "roasts" on members and comments on club history. Music refreshments and darcing will form other features of the program.

Philippines Club

Congressman Thomas S. Crago, of Pennsylvania: Congressman George Curry, of New Mexico, former governor of that State; Major George H Shelton and Major Henry T. Allen, of the United States Army, will be the speakers to-night at the opening of the club house of the Philippines Club, 918 Fourteenth street northwest, at 8 o'clock. Congressman Curry and Majors Shel-ton and Allen saw service on the islands and tonight will tell of their experiences

hile there.
Over 200 persons are expected, seventyfive of whom are expected to be members of the club. A vote will be taken on the advisability of changing the name of the club to that of the Foreign Service Club.

Gitterman to Lecture At Catholic University

John M. Gitterman will lecture on The Footsteps of Dante in Northern Italy," on Thursday next at McMahon Itali, at the Catholic University, in the fourth of the series, in the course of winter lectures.

THE TIMES DAILY SERIAL STORY

M. Dufreny's Quest Late Chief of the French Secret Service. (Copyright, 1911, Frank A. Munsey Company)
Translated by Florence Crewe-Jones

man, he gave a little gasp of surprise, Fil-a-Beurre and Salsifis looked up. The old detective with a glance signed to them to look at the mason. "Bigre!" said Salsifis, drawing his

Evidently the man was disguised.

with it."
Mother Three Sons hastened to bring

the drinks. The three sleuths watched Dufreny's every movement. The drunkard, after getting up sev-

"So I said to myself. I'm going to help a brother. That is why I sent you that letter; did you bring it with

"Yes, I've got it here."
"Good. You can guess what it's

If you want any information on the

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tion, disguise yourself as a mason-you are familiar with that disguise

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these terms:

Synopsis of Chapters Already Published Synopsis of Chapters Already Published. The story opens at the pretty home of a M. Roger Deverly, called the Villa des Rosse. M. Roger Deverly is stabbed to death. Her servant, Josephine, whose sweetheart is "Bribri the Serpent," one of the most notorious Apaches in Paris, gives the information that Mme, Deverly was away from home. While the detective, Pousse-Pousse, is seeking to unravel the crime one Chauffard, a well-known usurer who lives near Neuilly, suddenly disappears from his home one evening, together with his niece, Georgette. A ghastly hand, which is identified as being Chauffard's, is found in the garden. With the second murder a young detective enters the field disguished as Narcisse, a music-hall performer. Narcisse and Pousse-Pousse join hands, and it is announced that the murderers of M. Roger Deverly are about to be arrested.

Rufreny, disguised as Narcisse, succeeds in trapping Bribri the Serpent and Josephine, both of whom are found with valuable jewelry in their possession, which they admit came from the home of M. Roger Deverly, the murdered architect. Later Narcisse finds a dagger in the pos-Roger Deverly, the murdered architect.
Later Narciese finds a dagger in the possession of one Mme. Cazaii, which is an exact copy of the dagger found in the home of Deverly when the latter was murdered.

numbered.
From then on Dufreny has innumerable thrilling adventures as he tracks the murderers of the architect and the moneylender. His disguises are especially clever and deceiving. Finally, in a low second-hand shop he stumbles upon Leon Laroche, whom he believes to be the murderer, and arrests him. He also rescues a woman who has thrown herself into the Seine with suicidal intent, and this woman is recognized by a child as being the one all Paris seeks.

To his lawyer, Leon Laroche gives his life history, which clears much of the mystery, and the relentless work of Dufreny is rapidly drawing the net about the murderers of Deverly and Chauffard.

CHAPTER XXXII,-Continued.

OURSE." The three detectives got up and went out; as usual, they separated and walked along the streets as though they "Garcon," cried Gzagza, but he cor-rected himself quickly and said: "Mother, white wine, and hurry up were unknown to one another, but the glance from their sharp eyes fell in every direction

They went to Mother Three Sous, so named because of the low price of her consummations. She was a woman of sixty years and had a broad back like a man and a beard like a sapeur of the Imperial Guard.

Very few customers were in the capacity when they antered. Mother Three

baret when they entered. Mother Three Sous sat as though on a throne behind her zinc counter. Over her cotton camisole she wore a superb gold chain, from which was suspended an enormous sliver watch. On her fingers, that were fat like sausages, she wore several sliver and gold rings, and in her ears immense carnelian earrings.

"It overawes the customers," explained the fat dame. Whether it was so or not, she made a good living with her cabaret: and, although she was alone and did the cooking and served, she never required any help to re-store order when her customers became

bang from her tremendous fist on the zine was all that was necessary to silence the roughest. Living continually with Apaches, she was never afraid of them. She was also protected by two enormous Danish dogs.

At Mother Three Sous' there is no pretense. This is the real thing. It is Sous' there is the cabaret for the Apaches, one of the lowest murderers' dens in Paris, and called "Amis de la Creuse."
"Hallo, mother!" cried Fil-a-Beurre,
"give us some cutlets and pickles, some
Bric cheese, and a bottle of white. I'm

Brie cheese, and blowing."

"We'll all know it soon," said Salsifis, showing his long, yellow teeth in a broad grin: "you've blazoned it out a dozen times."

"Oh!" said the fat dame, "but I've got to know it, too." Turning to Fil-a-

to know it, too." Turning to Fil-a-Beurre, she said:
"Mon petit, if you're going to blow 'em, show up your wad. I like things done in an orderly manner."
"There yer are," said Fil-a-Beurre, taking a 5-franc piece out of a large yellow purse. yellow purse.
"Ah! that's good. Give it to me and "Ah! that's good. If you don't

I'll put it on one side. If you don't spend all I'll give you back the change." "Right you are, mother." "Mother Goose" Play She always acted so, and, in spite of the terrible characters who frequented "Mother Goose," always popular with figrown-ups" and children, was given in song and story by the children of the Pousse-Pousse looked round the den

ent. Some youths, ranging from sixteen to

blackbirds which came out of a pie were: Jean Lynn Yengle, bg a young man.

y Thorne, Mary Gardner, Daisy "Sure" said Pousse-Pousse, leaning sadel. Elizabeth Sabin, Mary Co k-Elizabeth Dayton, and Edwin in a whisper, "I've seen that type before his face tells me nothing, but I've applied."

The Washington Saengerbund will make merry in its annual "Carnival Abend," on Monday night, in the clubbuse at 314 C street porthwest. As a 134 C street porthwest. Pousse

Sit lown, Gzagza," said one of the individuals, "an't tell us why you're here I thought you only went in for high society".

The man called Gzagza looked round the cabaret furtively; then he leaned toward the speaker and said something in a low voice for a few minutes; then

got up and took a seat alone at another table.
"Voyon!" said Saisifis, who was anxious to do honor to the feast, "we're not enting." "Boys," said the old detective, "let us eat and make a noise as though we don't mind being noticed. I'm going to

To Open New Home keep my eye open and watch that guy who just came in. "I'm on," said Fil-a-Beurre, "and let's drink while we wait for what's coming."

He poured out the wine freely. Mean-while the man with the jockey cap had ordered a quinquina, which the land-lady had brought and demanded pay at once. This proved that the customer was unknown to her. Gzagza paid the 15 centimes and took out a racing paper and pretended to study it carefully. Pousse-Pousse sized up the man; he knew he had only spread out the paper

for effect, for he was casting furtive glances over the top of the page every now and again. Two or three times his eyes rested on the detective, then ho turned away indifferently.

Ten o'clock struck. A mason came into the cabaret.
At first Pousse-Pousse thought it was one of the three men who had dined there that evening, and had returned to fetch something he had forgotten. But, looking more attentively at the



ON LOCAL OPTION IS OF MRS. W. C. STORY CLOSELY WATCHED IN D.A.R. RACE, HERE

"Bigre!" said Salsifis, drawing his lips.

"Oh! ia-la," said Fil-a-Beurre, "we came here to talk, and now we're in for the game, and it's going to be a tough one. Tonnerre!"

The mason came into the middle of the room and looked around. Then he saw Gzagza, who held his paper so that the heading of large type could plainly be seen. The mason walked up to him; the jockey looked up.

Before the mason spoke to Gzagza he turned slightly and glanced at the three detectives.

It was Duffreny.

In his natural voice he said to the man.

Montgomery County Representative Deluged With

Letters.

ROCKVILLE, Md., Feb. 10.—Much interest is felt throughout Montgomery county as to how the county's representatives in the Legislature will line up when the State-wide local option bill "Was it you who wrote me to come here tonight?" when the State-wide local option bill now pending comes to a vote Monthere tonight?"
"Yes," said the jockey. "You see, I am reading Les Sportes, as I told you I should in my letter."
"Weil, who are you, and why did you tell me to come here in this disguise? You look like a groom, but I don't know you, and I haven't any time to waste."

now pending comes to a vote Monty gomery is a strong local option dounty, and the passage of the bill is, it is said, desired by a majority of the voters.

It was thought that all of the county's representatives would support the masure, but word has been received

from Annapolls that there is some un-"Neither have I. I'll tell you what ve got to say at once."

Dufreny looked hard at the man, who of the house of delegates will vote, and As we mentioned, Gzagza was cleanshaven, but Dufreny noticed that the
skin around the lips was whiter than
the rest of the face. This proved that
he usually had a mustache and had
cut it off for the occasion.

His been deluged with letters, urging
him to fall in line with the sentiment
in the county.

A movement has been started to have

cut it off for the occasion.

His hands were dark and slim. His hands were dark and slim. His hands were in mourning, but seemed to have been dirtled for the purpose. He wore thick shoes, but the hem of his trousers was turned up, and Dufreny noticed that he had fine socks of Scotch thread.

Evidently the man was disguised.

A movement has been started to have the agricultural fairs of the State form an organization for mutual protection. The idea is to take matters in which all have a common interest and work to use the details on a business-like basis. One of the things to be sought will be uniform charges and premiums. Comparing the various form the various form the various form the various fair agreement has been started to have the agricultural fairs of the State form an organization for mutual protection. The idea is to take matters in which all have a common interest and work to the details on a business-like basis. mittees from the various fair associa-tions of the State will, it is said, soon 'You won't take anything?" he said to Dufreny.
"Certainly I will. I'll have some white meet for a conference,

The stockholders of the Opera House Company have elected di-rectors for the year as follows: Spencer rectors for the year as follows; spencer C. Jones, Robert B. Peter, Samuel B. Raney, Dr. Charles Abert, Otho H. W. Talbott, William H. Rabbitt, and William R. Pumphrey. The directors have re-elected Spencer C. Jones, president; Dr. Albert, secretary, and Mr. Talbott, treasurer.

eral times and sitting down again, had sorrowfully turned out all his pockets to try and find enough to pay for an-other drink. The woman and the two Mrs. Reverdy Beall, of Darnestown, entertained about forty of the young people of that section at a finch party. During the evening refreshments were served. men were dozing, and Gzagza's friends were singing cafe concert songs. "I'm a friend of justice," said Gzagza, "My congratulations," replied Du-

freny.

"When I see a man of your intelligence in a hole like you are in I'm Carl, widow of Dr. William Carl, who died Wednesday night at the home of died Wednesday night at the Bey her son-in-law and daughter, the Re-and Mrs. T. Davis Richards, at Ger mantown, this county, will be held a 10:30 o'clock tomorrow morning in the Presbyterian Church, at Neelesville, of which Dr. Richards is rastor. The ser-vices will be conducted by the Rev. 12. Buhrman, a life-long friend of Mrs. "Pretty well," said Dufreny, rolling he paper in his fingers.

It was a typewritten note couched in

An epidemic of mumps exists in tivicinity of Spencerville. It is said that within the last few weeks, scarcely a family in that neighborhood has escaped, and the old are said to be proving just as susceptible as the young. As yet, no deaths have occurred.

Training School for Girls to Be Planned

Invitations were received today by When Dufreny had read the note in the morning he knew at once that it was a trap, but accustomed to brave all dangers, he decided to go to the cabaret all the same. He had seen Fil-a-Beurre by chance during the day, and had told him to be at the Amis de la the members of the committee of the

Creuse that evening.

This was the important commission that Fil-a-Beurre had been so proud to have been charged with. He had intended telling his companions why he the Union in the parish hall of the have been charged with the companions why he the Union in the parish hall of the third them there, but Dufreny Church of the Ascension yesterday. The had arrived earlier than he had expected. The moment that it was a the Washington Heights D. A. R., is chairman of the committee. The other pected. The moment that it was a case of helping Dufreny the other two did not mind how Fil-a-Beurre had chairman of the committee. The other members are Mrs. John Newton Cul-bertson, Mrs. Mary S. Lockwood, Mrs. brought it about.

They continued their meal without G. T. Smallwood, Mrs. Ellen Spencer appearing to notice anyone.

"Well," said Dufreny to the man. "Tm waiting."

Walting."

Walting."

Walting."

Crafts, Mrs. William E. Andrews, and Mrs. George T. Prewitt. "'M' name is Wilfrid."
"Wilfrid what?"
"Wilfrid Eastmann, I am a German"Wilfrid Eastmann, I am a German"Wils, but my mother was Italian."
"Well, go ahead and say what you've

Water Color Exhibit

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but I haven't told you that I am in the automobile line."

A Continuation of This Story Will Be Found In Tomorrow's Issue of The Times.

Bankrupt Three Times.

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—Siegfried Blumenkron, entering bankruptcy for the third time, admits that he owes \$1,385,076 and lists his available assets at nothing. More than \$1,000,000, however, is on unexpired leases.

Lovers of water color painting will have a last chance to see the exhibition of William George Schaefer's work at the rooms of the Washington Architectural Clubs at 16i7 H street north-west, tomorrow. The exhibition has been on since Wednesday and will close Sunday. Many have seen and admired Mr. Schaefer's paintings, among which are to be found several scenes of local interest. Rock Creek Park. Chevy Chase, Analostan Island, and the old cotagon building have been treated in a new and pleasing way by Mr. Schaefer. new and pleasing way by Mr. Schaefer

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Politics In Patriotic Organization Already Beginning to Warm Up.

Washington members of the Daughters of the American Revolution have noted with interest the presence in the city of Mrs. John Miller Horton, of Buffalo, an announced candidate for the presidency-general. The election does not take place until a year from the coming April, but politics in the D. A. R already is beginning to warm up. Mrs. Matthew Scott, the present incumbent of the office, is not eligible for re-election, because she is serving her second term, and a constitutional provision forbids longer tenure of office.

Mrs. William Cumming Story, of New York city, is an announced candidate, and so are Mrs. Charles Bryan, of Tennessee, and Mrs. Alexander Patten, of Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Story is generally believed to be the strongest single candidate of all those avowedly in the race, and her Washington supporters are many. In her last contest with Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Story was only beaten by a few votes. Story was only beaten by a few votes

and since then her cause is declared to have gained strength by the publication locally of court papers and affidavits which refuted stories about the circumstances of her remarriage stories, which her friends asserted openly were set on foot by her enemies in the D. A. R. to defeat her for the presidency.

Mrs. Horton, who announced her candidacy for 1913 as soon as Mrs. Scott had been re-elected, has claimed a pledge of support from Mrs. Scott, but this claim is denied by Mrs. Scott and considerable feeling has been manifest over the circumstance. The issue has probably prevented Mrs. Horton's becoming the administration candidate.

Mrs. Scott says she has pledged her

ministration candidate.

Mrs. Scott says she has piedged her support to no one, and friends of the Tennessee and Pennsylvania candidates are hopeful of getting the indorsement for their favorites.

It is said that Mrs. Story's candidacy is greatly helped by the fact that the administration is not out for any women to succeed Mrs. Scott, even though the election is a year and two months away.

Mrs. Scott and Mrs. Horton were bottprominent figures at the Southern ball last Monday night, and each held court in the boxes in which they sat, on the opposite sides of the ballroom.

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